

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 21, 2006

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:10 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by City Clerk Treasurer Brenda Sullivan.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell. Absent - Ann DeVore
 - D. Minutes – Craig Hawes moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of November 8, 2006 with the following amendment. ***Under II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action, Item B. Robert Kittle voted nay on the motion.*** Robert Kittle seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.34, 2006, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REPLACEMENT OFFICIAL ZONING MAPS FOR THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.” Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this second reading. Mr. Bergman recapped the process the Planning Department had gone through to get to the finished product. The maps were displayed on the walls in council chambers. Mr. Bergman explained these maps were a starting point and the official maps would be paper maps. The maps would be reviewed on an annual basis. Discussion followed. Robert Kittle moved to approve the Ordinance. George Dutro seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.35, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “AG” (AGRICULTURE) TO “R-3” (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).” (Joel Spoon Re-zoning) Jeff Bergman recapped this Ordinance and showed the aerial map, property location map, existing zoning map, and area photo. Jeff Bergman reminded the City Council the Plan Commission had given the applicant a favorable recommendation. Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - C. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 36, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 10, CHAPTER 10.28 SECTION 070 WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TWO HOUR PARKING UPON CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” Steve Ruble, City Engineer, briefly explained the need for this Ordinance and indicated the streets that it would affect. He went on to say there would be signs posted and that one person had called his office about enforcement. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the

Ordinance. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 34, 2006, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7”.(Claas of America) Jim Clouse, with Community Development presented this Resolution. He indicated Claas of America, Inc. was requesting tax abatement on real property in conjunction with an expansion of its facilities located at 3030 Norcross Drive, Columbus, Indiana. Claas of America, Inc. will invest \$1,200,000 in real property improvements to expand the facility by approximately 41,000 square feet. This expansion will be an addition to their warehouse. As a result of this expansion, Claas of America, Inc. will retain 24 current full-time employees and hire an additional 2 full-time employees. Joe Cleveland, with Claas spoke briefly about the history of Claas. Craig Hawes reported the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Claas of America, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Craig Hawes moved to approve the Resolution. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO._____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, indicated this was only the introduction on this date. It was noted on the agenda as a first reading which was a scrivener error. Jeff indicated the public hearing and first reading would be at the December 5th, 2006 meeting. He showed the location map, future land use map, area photo and the annexation policies. Jeff indicated the Plan Commission had voted in favor of the annexation by a vote of 7 to 0. Jim Darnall, surveyor, was present to answer any questions regarding the property.
- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO._____, 2006, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE UTILITY SERVICE BOARD AS PRESENTED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” Keith Reeves, Director of Columbus Utilities presented this Resolution. The Resolution presented was the introduction with no action to be taken. It was a scrivener error as it was noted on the agenda. Keith Reeves gave an overview of the budget and the capital expansion projects. Discussion followed.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer